Karnataka State AIDS Preventive Society (KSAPS), the number of kits procured/supplied to KSAPS during 2005. 2006 & 2007 are as follows:

Antigen	2005	2006	2007
1st	3885	4771	10417
I Ind	721	601	520
IIIrd	856	1304	750

No vaccine are supplied under the AIDS Control Programme.

(c) It has been reported by KSAPS that there was a temporary shortage of 2nd & 3rd antigen of HIV (Rapid) Test Kits at a few centers during May, 2007, but action has since been taken to procure the same and supply made to all the centres.

(d) At present there is no report of any shortage of the kits. The State Government has entrusted the procurement to Karnataka State Drug Logistics & Ware Housing Society. Besides this, KSAPS can procure goods under local shopping to meet emergent requirements.

Epidemics during Monsoon Season

97. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the epidemic and other diseases are prevailing due to the, recent monsoon in many States;

(b) if so, the cases reported and the details of such diseases prevailed/ prevailing especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the specific reasons for such spread of diseases;

(d) what steps Government are taking to protect poor people from epidemic and other diseases; and

(e) what funds Government have allocated and spent especially in Andhra Pradesh for controlling such diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Due to recent monsoon the outbreaks of mosquito borne diseases, namely malaria, dengue Japanese Encephalitis and Chikungunya have been reported from various States. As per' the information received from Directorate of National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme, the number of cases of mosquito borne diseases reported from Andhra Pradesh during 2007 (upto 25th July) are as follows:

Malaria	-	7794
Dengue	-	18
Japanese Encephalitis	-	1

(c) The occurrence of these diseases is seasonal and is related to environmental conditions such as rainfall, temperature and humidity.

(d) The National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme (NVBDCP) is implemented by the Central Government, which provides technical guidance and commodity assistance to the State Governments for prevention and control of major vector borne diseases including malaria. Under this programme, 100% Central assistance is provided to North Eastern States including Sikkim. The assistance is provided in the form of commodity and cash. In addition, 100% Central assistance is also provided under Enhanced Malaria Control Project with World Bank assistance, which was launched in 8 problematic States including Andhra Pradesh. The Global Fund supported Intensified Malaria Control Project (IMCP) is also being implemented in 94 districts of 10 States. The strategies for control of malaria include providing anti-malarial drugs for early treatment through health facilities and community volunteers and integrated vector control which includes indoor residual spray in high risk pockets of the rural areas and larvicides in urban areas, use of bednets, environmental measures, capacity building, information, education and communication.

The Government has launched an Integrated Disease Surveillance Project to further strengthen the disease surveillance system in order to ensure early detection and rapid response to arrest spread of diseases.

(e) Under NVBDCP, Rs. 1209.76 lakhs were spent out of total allocation of Rs. 1910.55 lakhs for Andhra Pradesh during 2006-07. An allocation of Rs. 1973.85 lakhs has been made for the State in the year 2007-08.

Discrimination to AIDS victims

98. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the study on socio-economic impact of HIV/ AIDS carried out by the National Council of Applied Economic Research, supported by NACO and UNDP, revealed that 74 per cent of employees are not disclosing their status at office due to fear of being ostracized, of the 26 per cent disclosed, 10 per cent have reported of discrimination and HIV people are also refused loan, apart from other discriminations; and

(b) if so, how his Ministry is planning to bring awareness through innovative methods to educate people to understand and help HIV positive people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Campaigns and awareness programmes are conducted through mass media and inter-personal channels to create an enabling environment free from stigma and discrimination, myths and misconceptions for people living with HIV. National AIDS Control Organisation also promotes adoption of workplace policies by corporate sector in collaboration with ILO, CH, FICCI and other stakeholders. The policy requires employers to practice non-discrimination against those living with HIV, maintain confidentiality of their status and provide healthy work environment.